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## SPECIAL NOTICES.

K. OF P.—Every member of CALANTHE LODGE, No. 11. is requested to be present at the next regular meeting on the 187n 1887. Business of importance. By order of the Lodge. decki-21 A. L. SMITH, K. of R. and S. THE MEMBERS OF MOUNT VERNON
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## EVENING STAR.

Washington News and Gossip. NATIONAL BANK NOTES received to-day for redemption amounted to \$686,137.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY .- Internal revenue, \$700.727.13; customs, \$465,659.87.

THE HOUSE committee on foreign affairs has agreed to recommend that a new Venezuelan commission be appointed.

AMONG THE CALLERS at the White House to-day were Senators West, Logan and Hitchcock, and Representatives Platt, Smith, Jacobs, McDougall, Davy, Hancock Rusk, Phillips, and Governor McCormack.

PERSONAL .- Senator Morton left last evening for Indiana. .... Hon. Ben. Wade was on the floor of the Senate to-day. .... Hon. Wm. S. Groesbeck, of Ohio, has been an attentive listener to the debates in the Senate for several days past.

SENATOR CONKLING was interviewed last night as to the rumor that he proposed to retire from political life, and said:-" I have thought of it; there is some foundation for the rumor." Further than this he essayed no information.

THE House committee on appropriations this morning begun the preparation of the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill. This does not look as if the House intends to delay the appropriation bill, no matter how the Presidential problem

CONFIRMATIONS .- The Senate yesterday confirmed the following nominations: Alex. M. Blair, to be collector of internal revenue for the district of Kansas; Charles Redfield. to be receiver of public moneys at Colfax. Washington territory; James L. Dyer, to be receiver of public moneys at Wachita, Kansas; also, a number of postmasters.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA .-Some members of Congress think that as Hampton's attempt to exercise gubernatorial functions will necessarily bring him in contact with the Chamberlain government, the President will interpose by dispersing any body of men claiming to exercise legislative functions under Hamption.

THE STORY IS REVIVED that in case the southern men show a disposition to accept the situation and make noactive antagonism to the inauguration of Gov. Hayes, that L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, is to be accorded a cabinet position. This is as near the truth. perhaps as the report telegraphed away last night that President Grant is to be Hayes'

DEATH OF GEN. HARDIE.-Inspector General James A. Hardie, U. S. army, died at his residence in this city, at half-past seven o'clock last evening. He was a native of New York, and was a cadet of the military academy at West Point from 1839 to 1845.

Among his classmates were President Grant, Generals W. B. Franklin, Wm. F. Reynolds. C. C. Augur, Rufus Ingalls, J. C. McPherson and others as prominent. During the war of the rebellion he served as aid-de-camp to Gen. McClellan.

AN INDICTMENT AGAINST CHARLES A. DANA, found by the grand jury, November 20, was filed to-day in open court. It charges that he on the 7th of October charged A. R. Shepherd with having Mrs. R. F. Morsell as a concubine, who was put into the bureau of printing and engraving by Shepherd and retained there by Grant when he well knew she was Shepherd's mistress, and rendered to service whatever. There are six counts, and A. R. Shepherd and A. S. H. White are witnesses.

ECONOMY .- When the House appointed its southern committee an appropriation was made of \$21,000 to meet the expenses of the same. It went to the Senate, and that body amended it by appropriating \$50,000 for the Senate committee. It came back, and this morning Mr. Holman, chairman of the House appropriation committee, added \$9,000 for the House, to cover the expenses of the committee subsequently appointed to go to New York. Philadelphia and elsewhere, and inquire into election frauds. But while adding to the House appropriation he cut the Sen-ate appropriation down from \$50,000 to \$30,000.

THE AXE TO FALL AGAIN.-The bureau of engraving and printing was closed yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of making some necessary repairs upon the boiler, and in consequence, all the employes were grant-ed furloughs until to-morrow morning, when they will report again for duty. Many of them, however, will not come to work again after to-morrow, for the list of decapitations which are necessary for want of work, has already been made out, and the death sentences will be issued to-morrow or Monday. It is not known exactly how great the reduction will be, but it must necessarily be a large one.

No session of the sub-committee on privileges and elections, remaining in Washington, was held this morning, owing to the failure of certain witnesses from New Jersey to report and testify in regard to the alleged ineligibility of Benjamin Williamson, one of the democratic presidential electors. Mr. Charles G. Stifel, a republican elector in Missouri, contests the seat of D. M. Frost, a democratic elector, on the ground that the latter was ineligible for the reason that his realist. was ineligible for the reason that his politi-cal disabilities had not been removed. Mr. Stifel will be ready to testify as soon as he receives copies of the protest and other papers filed with the secretary of state of Missouri.

NAVAL ORDERS .- Pay Director J. H. Watmough, ordered to resume duties as general inspector of provisions and clothing; Commander Henry A. Adams, detached from command of the receiving ship Potomac and ordered to command the training ship Con-stitution; Licutemant H. C. Nielas, from the receiving ship Potomac and ordered to the Constitution as executive; Lieutenants A. B. B. Lillie, E. H. Green and C. E. Calahan, Ensign W. C. Heacock, Mates Harry Setly, C. H. Thorn and Frank Holler, Surgeon W. H. Jones, Assistant Surgeon Robert Whiting, Paymaster C. A. McDaniel, Chaplain F. R. Rose, from the Potomac and ordered to

ARMY ORDERS .- By direction of the Presideat the following officers will be relieved from duty as processors of military science and tactics at colleges, as follows, to take effect July 1st, 1877, and will then join their respective regiments:—First Lieut. Frederick Robinson, 5th artillery, at the university of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.; First Lieut. Jas. M. Lancaster, 3d artillery, at the Bishop Seabury mission, Fairbault, Minn.; Second Lieut. J. S. Rogers, 1st infantry, at the Detroit high school, Detroit, Mich.; First Lieut. A. D. Schenck. 2d artillery, at Jowa state A. D. Schenck. 2d artillery, at Iowa state university, to take effect upon the arrival of First Lieut. James Chester, 3d artillery, who is ordered there. By direction of the Secretary of War, Capt. B. H. Gilbreth, ordnance storekeeper is relieved from duty at the Storekeeper, is relieved from duty at the Watervliet arsenal, New York, and will report for duty at the Watertown arsenal, Mass.; First Lieut. E. B. Savage, 8th infantry, will report to mounted recruiting service to conduct recruits to the department of the Platte, and afterwards will join his proper station; the leave of Second Lieut. Willis Wittich, 21st infantry, is extended one month. per, is relieved fro

THE CASE OF MR. BUTTZ .- The first case before the House committee on elections is that of C. W. Buttz, of S. C., who has no consestant, but whose credentials were referred to the committee on elections on account of the reception of a protest from the citizens of his d strict. Mr. Buttz has the certificate of the board of canvassers and regular creden-tials from the governor, which are satisfac-tory to the republican members of the committee, but the democrats demanded that he should exhibit the proceedings of the South Carolina supreme court. A transcript of these he has obtained. A number of the committee has demanded to see them, but Judge Harris, chairman of the committee, said they were yet the private property of Mr. Buttz. It is understood that the democrats are willing to recognize the certificate of the supreme court as sufficient to seet him. of the supreme court as sufficient to seat him, but he has not been advised by his counsel to submit the papers, as this might be deemed an acknowledgment on his part of the validity of the action of the supreme court in the matter.

Thursday is the day on which the families of Senators are accustomed to receive their friends. Yesterday most of the Senatorial families who have residences in the city were at home to visitors.

Among the number may be named Mrs. Morrill, of Vermont, and her sister, Miss Swann; Mrs. and Miss Bayard, Mrs. Ed-munds and Mrs. Howe. There were a great many ladies and gentlemen making calls

during the afternoon.

Mrs. and the Misses Frelinghuysen have returned to the city.

Mrs. and Miss Logan, the wife and daughter of General Logan, have arrived. Ex-Senator Carpenter and his family are occupying the residence occupied hithertoby the Brazilian legation.

Mrs. Totten, the daughter of Senator Howe,

is much improved in health since last winter, though not yet so well as her friends could desire. The wife and daughter of Gen. Watmough

received yesterday. There are several changes in the diplomatic corps since last winter. Senor Ybanez, the minister from Chili, was elected Senator in the Chilian Congress prior to withdrawing from the mission here. This gentleman merited the kindly words interchanged regarding him between the Presi-dent of the United States and the President of Chili: He and his two bright young daugh-ters will be much missed by all who knew

them. Señor Don Ignacio Zenteno is now charge Taffaires from Chili. He and Senorita Carolina Zenteno Gana are at Wormley's. Capt. Wm. Gore Jones, R. N., is also at Wormley's. Mr. Dalla Costa, the minister

from Venezuela, is at the same hotel.

The Brazilian minister and Mmc Borges and Mr. Benjamin Franklin Toreão de Barros, secretary of the Brazilian legation, are at No. 68 Madison avenue, New York, occu-pying French flats. Mr. Borges hopes, how-ever, to return here with his wife later in the winter, and will take a suite of apartments at the Riggs' House, The return of Senor Garcia and his agreeable wife, after their four year's residence in

Europe, will be welcome news to all who enjoyed the acquaintance of the minister from the Argentine Republic. Senor Don Vicente Dardon, who was appointed minister from Guatemala in 1872, and from Salvador in 1874, now represents, in addition to these two nationalities, Costa Rica also. He is Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the first, Min-

ster Plenipotentiary from the second, and Minister Resident from the third. A Washington lady, the daughter of Mr. Carlile Patterson, carried off all the honors at the recent ball given at Delmonico's, New York, by Mrs. Edwards; five gentlemen simultaneously asking the honor of dancing the german with Miss Patterson, she was compelled to give each a fraction of the

Senator Sharon has in his employ and will bring to Washington with him, a remarka-bly intelligent Chinaman, called Ki, who has resided in California twenty years, and is said to be one of the smartest men on the Paine coasti

THE INDIAN QUESTION .- There was an interesting conference last evening in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, between the Sioux commissioners and Indian The members of the commission were, of course, in favor of the cession of the Black hills by the Sioux, but they were divided in opinion as to whether the Indians should be removed to another point on the Missouri river or into the Indian territory. In the course of the conference, which was very full and free, the commissioners expressed their firm conviction that the Indians were perfectly capable of civilization, and expressed the opinion that our treatment of these Indians has been more savage than their treatment of us.

THE HOLIDAY RECESS .- Both Houses of Congress have made special orders for Tuesday and Thursday of next week, so that if it is proposed to take a holiday recess, it will not be for so long a time as in previous years, It has usually been the custom to adjourn a week before Christmas, and not to meet again until about the 3d or 4th of January; but in view of the important questions de-manding the attention of Congress this year. it is not deemed advisable to let members go away from Washington for any great length of time. Members of the House committee on appropriations take the ground that they can keep at least a quorum here, because one party will not trust the other, and that, therefore, they can act at least upon the appropriation bill. The probabilities are that a short recess will be taken over the holidays from

## List of New Books.

Principia of Political Science, upon a Reverent, Moral, Liberal, and Progressive Foundation; by R. J. Wright, Prof. of Ethics, Metaphysics, and Church History in the Christian Prof. of Political Church History in the Christian Principles of Political Church History in the Christian Principles of Political Church History in the Christian Principles of Political Science, upon a Reverence, and Progression of Political Science, upon a Reverence, principles of Political Science, principles of Political Science, upon a Reverence, principles of Political Science, upon a Reverence, principles of Political Science, upon a Reverence, principles of Political Science, principles of Polit tian Biblical Institute. Third edition, revised. Tacony, Philadelphia: R. J. Wright. The Readings of Charles Dickens, as condensed by himself. Boston: Lee & Shepard. For sale by E. M. Whitaker & Son. This is a reproduction of the authorized, corrected

edition of Dickens' readings, brought out originally by Ticknor & Fields. Lady Ernestine, or the Absent Lord of Rocheforte. by Mrs. Catharine A. Warfield. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Bros. A new story by the author of "The Household of

A Manual of Parliamentary Practice; by P. H. Mell, L. L. D., Professor of Ethics and Metaphysics, and Lecturer on Parliamentary Law in the University of Georgia. New York: Sheldon & Co. For sale by Wm. Ballantyne

A concise set of rules for conducting business in deliberative assemblies. Floxie Frizzle; by Sophie May, author of the "Dottie Dimple" stories. Boston: Lee & Shepard. For sale by Wm. Ballantyne. A

Eighteen Presidents and Contemporaneous Rulers; by W. A. Taylor. Pittsburg: Benja-min Singerly. Giving, in cheap form, a succinct history of the various Administrations, and of the cotemporaneous rulers of the prin-

cipal nations of Europe. Winwood Cliff; or, Oscar, the Sailor's Son. By Daniel Wise, D. D. Boston: Lee & Shep-ard. For sale by Wm. Ballantyne. A new

The Phenomena of Spiritualism Scientifically Explained and Exposed; by the Rev. Asa Mahan, D. D., first President of Oberlin College. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Putting aside the mere impositions of the so-called "spiritual mediums," Dr. Mahan comes to the conclusion that there is a force in nature which he denominates the Odylic force, which force is identical with the cause of all the mesmeric and clairvoyant phenomena on the one hand, and with the immediate cause of these manifestations on the other. All the spirit-phenomena of every kind are thus accounted for, without the supposition of the presence or agency of disembodied spirits.

Elbow-Room, a Novel without a Plot; by Max Adeler, author of "Out of the Hurley-Burley," etc. Philadelphia: J. M. Stoddart & Co. Quite a school of writers of humorous nonsense of about equal powers has sprung up in the path of "Artemus Ward" Browne, and of these, next to "Mark Twain," the writer of this budget of fun makes the best figure in book form, his humor having a certain flavor of wisdom and insight into human nature that makes it bear a re-perusal. Edina; or, Missing Since Midnight. By Mrs. Henry Wood. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Bros. A new story by the author of "East Lynne."

Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud? By William Knox. Boston: Lee & Shepard. For sale by Wm. Ballantyne. This dirge-poem, the favorite of Abraham Lin-coln, is presented here in handsome form, with illustrations by Miss L. B. Humphrey. with illustrations by Miss L. B. Humphrey. Christ, the Teacher of Men; by A. W. Pitzer, author of "Ecce Deus Homo." Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. For sale by C. C. Pursell. Dr. Pitzer, whose "Ecce Deus Homo" has been well characterized as an able and devout defence of the Christ of Scriptures, has written the present work in the same spirit, and to combat "the widespread unbelief of this day and generation in the authoritative, infallible and Divine teachings of Jesus of Nazareth."

Frank Nelson in the Forecastle; or, the Sportsman's Club Among the Whalers; by Harry Castleman. Philadelphia: Porter & Coates. For sale by C. C. Pursell. A story for boys.

The Cumberland (Md.) Alleganian says it has been determined by all the coal companies in the Allegany region, except the Consolidation Company, to reduce the wages of the miners to 40 conts per ton on 1st of Lennary.

South Carolina. INAUGURATION OF WADE HAMPTON AS

GOVERNOR. The inauguration of Gen. Hampton took place in front of Carolina Hall in Columbia yesterday afternoon. The square in front of the hall was densely packed with persons of both races, and the house tops were crowded with spectators. At 3:30 Gen. Hampton was escorted to the stand amid demonstrations of great enthusiasm. Members of the general assembly occupied the space immediateeral assembly occupied the space immediately surrounding the stand, with the crowd in the rear. Gen. Hampton then read his inaugural address, in which he says: We intend to prove to the world the sincerity of our declaration, that the sole motive which inspired the grand contest we have so suc-cessfully made, was not the paltry ambition for party supremacy, but the sacred hope of redeeming our state. It was sought to wrest the fruits of this victory by a gigantic fraud and a base conspiracy. When the members elect of the general assembly repaired to the capital to take their seats, armed soldiers of the federal government confronted them, and their certificates of election were examined and passed upon by a corporal of the guard—it was amid these appalling scenes that the members of the general assembly were called on to assume their duties as representatives of a free state, and that state one of the original thirteen, who won our independence and framed our Constitution, was debarred the free exercise of her rights by the presence of an armed force. A great task is before the conservative party of this state. They entered on this contest with platform so broad, so long, so liberal that every honest citizen could stand upon it They recognized and accepted the amendments of the Constitution in good faith; they pledged themselves to work reform, and to establish good government; they promised to keep up an efficient system of public education, and they declared solemnly that all citizens of South Carolina, of both races, and of both parties, should be regarded as equals in the eyes of the law, all to be fully protected in the enjoyment of every political right now possessed by them. To the faithful observance of these pledges we stand committed, and I, as the representative of the conservative party, hold myself bound by every dietate of honor and of good faith to use every effort to have these pledges redeemed fully and honestly. Let us show to all of them that the true interests of both races can best be secured by cultivating peace ard promoting prosperity among all classes of our fellow-citizens. At the close of the address the oath of office

was administered by Chief Justice Marshall to General Hampton as governor, and to W. D. Simpson as lieutenant governor, the crowd standing uncovered while the ceremony was being performed. The chair in which Gen. Hampton was seated was then wrapped in the national colors, and he was borne on the shoulders of a dozen men to his hotel, escorted by the entire crowd. Several prominent gentlemen addressed the multitude from the front of the hotel. The Congressional committee were occupying a prominent position on the balconies.

Florida. ALLEGED USE OF "PUDDING" TICKETS The Congressional committee yesterday discovered what is alleged to be an interpolation of seventy-two names in the poll-list of a precinct of Leon county. The interpolation, the democrats charge, was made to cover seventy-two fraudulent tickets of minute size that were found in the box. The democrats charge that these tickets were hidden in folds of the regular tickets, and thus smuggled into the box. The interpolation was charged on the ground that citizens of the precinct fail to identify any of the seventy-two names that appear consecutively on two pages to themselves, and from the fact that the poll-list at this precinct was not numbered as at all other precincts . The republicans claim that they can explain these

facts satisfactorily to-morrow. The supreme

court proceedings were stopped until Satur-

THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION. Before the Congressional committee yes terday, Clover, the supervisor of East Baton Rouge, who testified the day previous, was recalled by Gen. Hurlbut. Clover submitted a copy of the affidavit which accompanied his returns, showing riot, tumult, violence, fear, dread, and terrorism throughout the parish on the day of election. He did not witness any violence, but was informed of it by other persons. On cross-examination he said the affidavit accompanying the returns was prepared in the custom-house in New Orleans. Hugh J. Campbell assisted in pre-paring it. A number of witnesses were ex amined. The committee gave notice that they would hereafter meet in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce.

### Why Troops Were Sent to Petersburg. ENCLOSURES IN THE PRESIDENT'S MES-

Accompanying the message of the President, sent to the Senate yesterday, setting forth why troops were sent to the Petersburg. Va., district during the late election is a LETTER FROM GEN. SHERMAN

to the Secretary of War, which says that company B, Capt. Breckenridge, of the 24 U. S. artillery, was posted at Petersburg, Va., from November 4 to November 15, when it was recalled to its proper station, Fort Foote, Md. To a more complete understanding of the case I will add that on the 2d day of November a gentleman came to me from the Attorney General representing that there was reason to apprehend a breach of the peace at Petersburg, Va., and asking a de-tachment of troops to be sent there. You being absent I saw Judge Taft in person, and advised that a company of soldiers be sent to Petersburg if practicable, and the next day, being in New York city, I saw Gen. Hancock in person, and after some inquiries as to troops available I ordered him to send the above designated company to Peters-burg, to remain during the election of November 7 and then to return to its post. I inclose a copy of his orders, also copies of general orders Nos. 85 and 96, which include all orders and instructions made to troops arriving in districts where disturbances were

apprehended.

The enclosure embraces affidavits, &c., relative to the necessity for troops at Petersburg, covering some thirty pages of manuscript. The

SWORN STATEMENT OF GEO. N. MARBLE is to the effect that on the 25th day of May last he was engaged in a building a short distance from the polls distributing republican tickets. when an armed body of the opposition, with officers and marching in line assaulted a few colored men in front of his building with clubs and stones, which they used without remblance of mercy, besides shooting one man in the face, after they had knocked him down with a stone. Marble, who had escaped from the building at the beginning of the attack, was immediately arrested and carried before the judges of election, who committed him to jail for "inciting a riot" without any hearing whatever. When brought before the mayor no one appeared against him to make complaint, and Marble was discharged. He adds that he firmly believes the republican voters of the city will not go out at the fall election unless the government will furnish them ample protection by sending troops for that purpose. Other erement will furnish them ample protection by sending troops for that purpose. Other affidavits in relation to outrages in May, and expressing belief that the presence of troops was necessary to protect republicans at the polls, and which were made public about the time troops were sent to Petersburg, follow. Letters from L. L. Lewis, United States district attorney, and C. P. Ramsdell, United States marshal, are also appended. They relate to the same subject, and also to the later disturbance on the 30th of October, when Messrs. Segar, Ball and Desendorf were assaulted, and the republican meeting broken up. Copies of Virginia newspapers and some printed copies of orders from the War department are also embraced in the enclosures.

POLITICAL FIGHTS IN BALTIMORE—
Fatal Shooting and Cutting.—At a hall on Baltimore street, Baltimore, at an early hour yesterday morning, as a ball was closing, a difficulty arose, originating, it is said, in a political discussion. Pistols were drawn and several shots fired, one striking Patrick Mulligan, a city councilman from the 8th ward, in the abdomen. At the time Mulligan's wound was not supposed to be serious but last night his physicians said he could not recover. Thomas J. Hogan, one of the parties in the Cross-street market riot in September last, has been arrested, charged with shooting Mulligan. Last night the quarrel was renewed in a saloon on Marsh Market space, and James Busy and James Hogan were severely wounded, the former being shot in the face and the latter cut with a knife.

e7 At Albany, N. Y., Mrs. Robert McDon-ald shot and seriously wounded her husband in self-defense.

THE THREE DISPUTED STATES. FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

FRIDAY, December 15. SENATE-The following were presented

and referred By Mr. Chaffee-Bill to authorize the citizens of Colorado and Nevada to fell and remove timber on the public re-ervations for mining purposes. To committee on public

Mr. Thurman asked and obtained leave to have Senate bill 984, to amend the Pacific railroad act, set down for consideration on the third Tuesday of January, 1877. Mr. Windom, from committee on appro-priations, reported House bill 4,197.

TO PAY ELECTORAL MESSENGERS. It provides for payment of 25 cents per mile Mr. Boutwell moved to amend by making 25 cents per mile for each way. Mr. Alcorn said the system of paying by the mile in these days of railroads was a very unequal way of compensating persons employed by the government. A messenger from the Pacific coast would make about

\$2,000 net for his two weeks' work in coming

here, while those from Virginia and Maryland would hardly receive enough to pay their hotel bills. Mr. Boutwell said he had offered the amendment to make the bill conform to existing law which was now on the statute

Mr. Alcorn thought this was not the way to it. To pass an appropriation bill chang-ing the law in a single instance, and leave the law still on the statute books. Mr. Edmunds said he should stick to what he had avowed, as good principle at every session of Congress. He did not approve of

tinkering the law every time an appropria-tion bill came in here, and would oppose the amendment. This was a good time to do it, for the messengers were so equally divided in politics that there was no politics in it. Mr. Hamlin defended the amendment, and said the original law read 25 cents per mile for each way, and the committee to revise the statutes changed it surreptitiously, and

the amendment only proposed to restore the Mr. Conkling said he sat with some impatience and heard every little while some criticism upon the action of the committee to revise the laws. He spoke of the disadvan-tages and labor under which that com mitte performed their duty. The phrase, "and return," were unintentionally omitted in the evision, in regard to this particular law.

Mr. Thurman said that Governor Chase once revised the laws of Ohio when he was a young man, and after forty-five years of use not an error had been discovered. Mr. Swan did the same thing at a later day, and now, after thirty years' use, they were found without error. Mr. Conkling said he now understood why

the President went to Ohio for his Chief Justices, having appointed two from that state. It was because all the citizens were so well qualified for that service, and the other states Mr. Thurman said he would not undertake

for a moment to say that every republican appointed by the President to office was not The question was then taken on the amendment, by yeas and nays, and it was lostyeas 13. pays 31.

Mr. Windom said the bill as reported con-

formed to the law as the committee understood it and as the Treasury officials under-Mr. Edmunds moved to strike out every thing in the bill changing existing law;

which motion was lost.

The bill as reported, providing for paying twenty-five cents per mile one way was then The morning hour having expired, the Chair announced the regular order as Mr. Mitchell's resolution in regard to the Oregon

Mr. Dawes asked that it be laid aside temporarily to take up the resolution providing for the pay of witnesses attending investiga-

Mr. Edmunds said he had given notice that he should call up yesterday the resolution offered by Mr. Morton last March to provide for and regulate the counting of the electoral vote. He did not call it up yesterday, but thought it ought to be taken up at once.

By consent, the witness fees bill was taken up, and Mr. Mitchell moved to amend by adding at the end of the resolution, "provided that witnesses residing west of the 105th meridian be allowed 7 cents per mile each way, instead of 5 cents per mile each way."

The amendment was adopted and the bill bill passed. Mr. Mitchell took the floor, but yielded to

Mr. Anthony, to offer the following resolu-Resolved, That the committee on public buildings and grounds be authorized to place proper planks upon the west steps to the Cap-

He said that the present covering to those steps was an old tumble down rickety set of steps that had been put up there each winter for four or five years, and were really inde-cent and such that no farmer in Vermont or Rhode Island would put up to a cow crib or

Mr. Hamlin wanted to amend by adding that the steps themselves should be kept in proper order and free from ice. Mr. Anthony said it seemed to be a conflict of authority between the Sergeant-at Arms, the Architect of the Capitol, and the Commissioner of Public Buildings, as to whose duty it was to do this work. He, himself, had once found a cow grazing on the terrace, and no one attended to having her driven off, on the principle of the Royal House when they froze, because it was the duty of one man to lay the wood and another one to light the fire. So he (the Senator) himself went and drove her off.

The resolution was adopted. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES .- Mr. Swann, from committee on foreign affairs, submitted a resolution acknowledging the receipt from the republic Pretoria, in South Africa, of a letter congratulatory of the ing the Secretary of State to tender the acknowledgment of United States. Adopted. A like resolution was also reported acknowledging a similar compliment from the Argentine republic, and it was also adopted.

Mr. Roberts introduced a bill for relief of

William Bowen, of the District of Columbia. Referred to the District committee. Mr. Buckner introduced bill to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance company of the District of Columbia. Referred to the District committee. Bills were passed for the removal of politi cal disabilities of William Sharp, Lloyd J. Beall and Francis Sheppard, all of Virginia. Mr. Holman, from the Committee on ap-

propriations, reported back Senate amendments to the bill making appropriation to pay the expenses of special committees appointed to investigate the recent elections. The House bill originally appropriated \$21,000 for the expenses of the House committees. The Senate amended it by putting on \$50,000 to meet the expenses of the Senate investigating committees Since then the House has authorized another committee to visit New York and Brooklyn. The appropriation for the House is therefore increased to \$30,000, and the committee recommend that the Senate appropriation be reduced to \$30,000, which the committee deem sufficient.

Mr. Hale opposed the proposed reductions of the Senate appropriation. The Senate, as it had an undoubted right to do, has ordered investigations, and it best knows its needs. The Senate has already summoned witnesses from Oregon and other distant places, and they will require a large amount of money. There were some things that the American people desired more than raising \$20,000, and that was the ascertainment of the facts connected with the late elections. There was a condition of affairs in the state of Louisiana and in South Carolina which should be facted. and in South Carolina which should be investigated. In order that all the facts might be known he would be willing to double the appropriation for the House committees, and he did not eare how these committees were constituted or how many democrats were on them.

Mr. Holman said that no one would go Mr. Holman said that no one would go further than he would to investigate affairs in the south, or in any other state where fraud was alleged, but he wanted to call attention to the fact that many of the political friends of Mr. Hale had voted in opposition to these investigations by the House. There was a tendency to run into a large expenditure in these investigations, and it was the duty of the House to guard against these extravagant expenditures.

Mr. Cox wanted the country to understand that the democratic party was not responsible

Mr. Cox wanted the country to understand that the democratic party was not responsible at least for the expense that would attend the investigation of the registration in New York and other northern cities. The proposition for that investigation first came from the other side, and the democrats would not place themselves in the attitude of opposing any investigation. No man in the cities of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City had ever questioned the

magner in which the elections were conducted in those cities in the last election. But as the citizens there had been impugned, he (Mr. Cox) as a representative in part of New York thought it was their duty to in-vestigate the bare facts. As to Philadelphia, it was proper to say that that city was in-serted at the request of Mr. Randall himself, because the original resolution, as offered by Mr. McDougall, was understood to be for the purpose of inquiring particularly into the manner in which the election was con ducted in the Speaker's district. He was glad to hear the gentleman from Maine say that he was now anxious for an investigation. That gentleman should have been he on the first day of the session, and persuaded his friends to agree to the investigations. Now, why should not the gentleman take his place as a leader of his party, and compel his friends in New Orleans to produce the papers required by the Congressional committee, so that Congress could have an opportunity o settling this whole matter as speedily and as

intelligibly as possible.

Mr. Hale denied that Gov. Wells and his colleagues had refused any information to the Congressional committee. They had agreed to furnish as soon as they could copie, of all papers that were asked for.

Political Facts and Fancies. If Hayes resigns the governorship of Ohio, Tom Young, lieutenant governor, will be his su cessor. Tom is a regular lager beer 'dozer" and cocktail intimidator .- Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mr. Corbin, whom the Chamberlain legislature in South Carolina has elected U. S. Senator, is an old Vermonter, a graduate of Dartmouth in '53, and a lawyer at Wells river. There he raised a company of volunteers for the war, was its captain, was wounded in one of the Virginia battles, taken prisoner and confined in Libby. Detailed at the close of the war to the freedman's bureau in South Carolina, he has since lived in that state, and has been in office all the time either as state senator or . S. district attorney, and has the credit of having grown very rich. A republican an thority says he is an able man, a hard worker and very popular, a democrat, that he is thick-skinned, bold, unscrupulous and tenacious. ... The case of the Oregon elector commissioned by Gov. Grover has its par-allel in Maryland under the republican regime. Judge Franklin, a democrat, was elected judge of the 12th judicial circuit over Spence, republican. The legislature heard accusations of disloyalty against Judge Franklin and declared him ineligible, and that the votes cast for him were thrown away. They therefore seated his opponent, Judge Spence, a republican, and decided that Judge Franklin's election was a nullity .-Baltimore Gazette. .... Perhaps it will be neessary, before long, to send a copy of every telegraphic dispatch which passes over the wires, to Washington for Congressional use. It would save hunting them up afterwards, and those sending messages would know what to expect.—Boston Heraid. The dem-ocratic statesmen who tried to lead the President gently by the nose are about in the same fix as the bewildered gentleman who got hold of the wrong end of the mule.-N. Y.

## Conflagrations.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT LITTLE ROCK. Dispatches from Little Rock, Ark., last night, says:—A terrible fire is prevailing in the heart of the city. The Metropolitan hotel is burnt, including the Merchants' National Bank and Gleason's restaurant. The city hall, in which are kept the steam fire engines and hook and ladder apparatus and the city offices, is now burning. At this hour (10:15) the water has given out. There are great fears of the flames extending across to the north side of Markham street. The fire originated in McCabe's Icehouse at 8:45 on the back of the river, and communicated to the out-houses, thence to a laundry, and across Water street to the hotel. A heavy gale is prevailing, the wind from the north blowing sparks across Markham street to the Denchle block, the finest building in the city. The Griffith building, corner Markham and Main streets, opposite the Metropolitan hotel, is on fire. There are some hopes of stopping the flames at the *Herald* building. The buildings nearest it have been razed. Several men have been severely injured by falling bricks. The loss will be fully \$150,000 if the fire is confined to the limits in which it is now raging. Owing to the early hour at which the fire started, all of the guests escaped from the hotel, most of whom, however, lost their bag-

gage. INCENDIARY FIRES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

A large portion of the thriving town of Blackville, Barnwell county, S. C., was burned yesterday morning. The fire started in H. Asher's store, and consumed over twenty stores and residences, with the South Carolina railroad depot and sheds, telegraph and express office. Estimated loss \$80,000; insurance unknown. There is much excitement in the town, as the fire is believed to be incendiary. An incendiary fire also took place yesterday at the town of Florence, S. C., burning several buildings, including the store and dwelling of D. Sonburger. Insured

for \$6,500; total loss \$11,000. THE BARON VON PALM IN COL. OL-COTT'S POCKET.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Col. Olcott and Dr. Le Moyne climbed the slippery side of Gallows Hill and unlocked the back door of the cremating house. Col. Olcott carried a new sweeping brush, and when the fireman and assistant arrived they took down the movable door of the retort. The oven had cooled almost entirely, and the ashes of the Baron lay in little heaps. Col. Olcott took the Hindoo vase from the top of the brick furnace, pushed the long-handled brush into the retort, and slowly and carefully swept the ashes toward the front. There they were taken up in the hand and put into the vase. nearly filling it. The door of the retort was stood in the corner, Dr. Le Moyne turned the key, and Col. Olcott walked down the steep, slippery, snowy hill with the mor-tal remains of Baron von Palm in his side overcoat pocket. The strangers have all left for Washington; there is not even a sad eyed member of the Theosophical Society left for the natives to wonder at. Baron von Palm, adieu!—[Philadelphia Times.

YOUNG LADIES SHOOTING AT A TARGET. At the fair in aid of the Seaside Sanitarium, in the Academy of Music, in New York, Wednesday evening, a number of aristocratic young ladies shot at a target with airguns. The best score was made by Miss L. Carr. 25 out of a possible 26 Miss L. Carr—35 out of a possible 36. Miss A. Steinbeck scored 31; Miss Emma Granzier, 30; Miss Emma Faber, 29; Miss Minnie Schumacher, 31; Miss M. Stock, 32. There will be a match at the fair this evening between young lady rifle teams. Among the teams which have entered are those representing the English, Scotch, Irish, French, German and American.

A TEN-YEAR OLD BURGLAR .- A blueeyed boy was before Judge Bixby yesterday. charged with burglary. The evidence showed that he had forced open the basement win-dow of the house at 203 west 21st street, and had then stolen eight napkin rings, valued at \$10. The little fellow, in answer to the stere. otyped questions, said that his name was Jas. Mack, his occupation going to school, and he pleaded guilty to the charge by say-ing: "A big boy threw my hat into the base-ment, and I went in after it and took the rings." He was held in \$1,000 bail.-N. Y.

Boody vs. Tilden.—The answer of Samuel J. Tilden to the suit of Henry H. Boody for \$40,000 on account of an alleged error settle of the suit of the su tling the results of an alleged "pool" for the purchase of Chicago and Galena railroad stock in March, 1864, was served on Wednesday. In addition to pleading the statute of limitations, it is understood Mr. Tilden denies that he was in the pool or made any agreement with Boody. He avers that he took his shares from Wm. B. Ogden, one of the partners, who wanted to limit his risk, and that there was no partnership between him and plaintiff or Ogden.—[N. Y. Jour. Com

COURT MARTIAL OF ARMY OFFICERS.—A court martial has been ordered to convene at Cheyenne, to be presided over by Gen. Pope, at which charges will be brought against Col. John J. Reynolds and Capt. A. G. Moore, of the 3d cavalry, by Major General Crook, for cowardice and disobedience of orders in the February campaign, during the fight with Crazy Horse. These two officers are also charged with letting seven hundred ponics escape, and burning a large amount of dried meat.

SHOOTING AFFAIR IN CHARLES COUNTY Mn.—A difficulty occurred Saturday evening last near the "Cross Roads," Nanjemoy,
of this county, between Mr. John Rison and
Benjamin Goodrick, colored, resulting in the
wounding seriously, if not fatally, of the latter by a gun shot. The difference seems to
have originated from trespass upon Mr. Rison's premises by hogs belonging to Goodrick.—[Port Tobacco Independent. Caroline won the mile dash at Norfolk, Va., yesterday, beating Bay Rum in 1.58.

Telegrams to The Star.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Dual State Government.

THE OREGON CONTEST.

Republican Electors Coming to Washington.

CABLE DISPATCHES TO-DAY.

SOUTH CAROLINA. The Vote for Governor, as Proclaimed

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Herald's Columbia dispatch, in its report of Wade Hampton's inauguration yesterday, says: The vote in the counties was proclaimed, and the total vote in the results of the counties was proclaimed. vote in the state announced, as follows: Governor-Hampton, 92,261; Chamberlain, 91,127 Hampton's majority, 1,131. Lieutenant Governor—Simpson. 21,682. Gleaves, 21,550. Simpson's majority, 133. The speaker finen produced and read the following official statement from the secretary of state: Vote for governor, elected 1876—Hampton, 22,261 project Champton at 187

votes; Chamberlain, 91,127. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. I, J. H. E. Hayne, secretary of state, do here by certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the vote for governor, at the general election of 1876, as appears by the commissioners' returns, now on file at this office. Given under my hand and the seal of the state, at Columbia, this 5th day of December, 1856, and in the 161st year of American Independence.

J. H. E. HAYNE, Secretary of State. Arrival of the Senate Committee.

Angus Cameron, of Wisconsin, and J. P.
bristlancy, of Michigan, with a corps of stenographers and the sergeant-al-arms of the Senate committee, arrived here to night at 10 o'clock. Senator Merrimon, the uemocrat of the committee, stopped over at his home in Raleigh, and will be here to-mor-

## FOREIGN NOTES.

row morning.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Capt. Herdorf and five scaman of the bark Emma and Carl, which capsized off Orkney Island on the 5th inst., while bound for New York for Settin, were saved. Seven persons perished

ROME, Dec. 15.—Cardinal Bishop Constantine Patrizi. Dean of the Sacred College-who has been ill for some time-is now worse, and his recovery is regarded as impossible

He has received extreme unction. M. Simon Endorsed. PARIS, Dec. 15 .- The declaration in the chamber of deputies yesterday by M. Simon, president of the conneil and minister of the interior, regarding his policy is received favorably by nearly all the newspapers. The Republique Française approves the ministerial programme unqualifiedly, and says:
The declarations made by M. Simon are excellent and of a nature to satisfy and re-

assure public opinion. They justify the expectation of a new era. The Brussels Bank Defalcation.
London, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from
Brussels to the Pall Mall Gazette says: "The loss to the Union du Credit bank by the de-falcation of its president is estimated to be 4,000,000 francs. The manager, who made an attempt at suicide, was unsuccessful. The absconding president is named Meriques. Before leaving he wrote a letter seeking to explain his operations, and said he had intended to commit suicide. His son-in-law, who has just returned from Paris, says that

### MICHIGAN. NEW YORK, Pec. 15 .- A Detroit dispatch says a memorial setting forth the facts and

the state law regarding the alleged ineligi-

bility of Benton Hanchett, one of the repub

M. Meriques is in that city.

lican electors, is being prepared, and the sub-ject will be laid before the Congressional committee. OREGON. The Republican Electors Coming to Washington.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—A private dispatch from Portland, Oregon, says that Odell,

Cartwright and Watts, the republican presi-

dential electors, and George A. Steel, chairman of the republican state central committee, will leave for Washington on Saturday. PROVIDENCE. R. I., Dec. 15.—The brig Esperanze, from Prince Edwards Island for Philadelphia, has put into Newport in distress. She lost her sails and received other damage in the gale of the 9th instant. On the 13th, in lat. 39.36, long. 70.45 she fell in with the schooner Annie Jones, from Brunswick, Ga., for New York, water logged, and took off the captain and four men, and brought them to Newport. John Logar and James

Higdon, colored seamen of the Annie Jor ..

No booty was secured by the burglars.

Safe Burglars Shot. COHEES, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Five burglars were surprised by the police early this morning, operating on the safe in the depot of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company. After quite an exchange of shots, two of the thieves, Dan Hayes, of Cohoes, and Tom Haggerty, of Troy, were captured, Haggerty being fatally wounded.

"Fighting the Tiger" in the Courts. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The property of Briggs & Co., proprietors of a faro bank in this city, has been attached at the suit of Parrott & Co., bankers, who charge that their defaulting cierk, one Von Mier, who was recently arrested in Mazatlan, Mexico, on a warrant of extradition, lost some \$35,000 of the funds of the bank at the gaming tables of the defendants.

Prisoners Jump from a Train.
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—While four prisoners were being brought from St. Lawrence county to the penitentiary here, two of them jumped from the cars near Amsterdam, and were supposed to have been killed, as the train was in rapid motion.

The Little Rock Fire.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Dec. 15.—Up to this hour (1 p. m.) nothing additional to last night's dispatches about the Little Rock fire has been received. There is no direct connection with Little Rock. tion with Little Rock.

Gen. Grant Going to Europe Next Spring. New York, Dec. 15.- President Grant intends to leave for Havana in March. After passing a few weeks there he intends to sail for Europe, to remain some time.

Charge of Forgery and Embezziement
WILKESBARRE, PA., Dec. 15.—F. A. Beamish was to-day convicted of forgery committed when he was secretary of the 4th district school board of Scranton. He was charged with the embezzlement of \$10,000.

The Markets.

Baltinore. Dec. 15.—Va. sixes, def d. 6%; Va. consolidated. 68; do. second series, 34. Sugar dull and lower—113:a11%;
Baltinore. Dec. 15.—Cotton dull and easier—middling, 11%;a12. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet—No. 2 western red. 1.36a1.38; No. 3 do., 1.25; Pennsylvania red. 1.38a1.44; Maryland red. good to prime, 1.38a1.45; do. amber, 1.50a1.35; do. white, 1.25a1.48. Corn—southern dull and downward tendency—western, old firm; new, easier; new southern white, 50a34; do. yellow, 52a56; western mixed, old, spot, 59; new, spot, December and January 57. Oats quiet—southern prime, 37a40; western white, 37a38; do. mixed, 34a35. Rye steady and demand fair—70a73. Cloverseed dull—13.50a14.75. Hay steady and demand good—Maryland and Pennsylvania prime, 16a18. Provisions quiet. Pork, 17.25. Bulk meats—packed shoulders, 7a/3; clear rib sides, 9%. Bacon—shoulders, 7a/a7%; cl

A REJECTED SUITOR'S REVENCE.-WII-

A REJECTED SUITOR'S REVENCE.—William A. Bixby sued a Mrs. Skinner for money alleged to be loaned her by him. The loans were denied entirely by defendant, in the Marine court yesterday. In the course of her testimony, defendant said that the plaintiff, who is a handsome, blonde-whiskered fellow, had asked her to marry him. She refused. After that he insulted her in the streets, watched her house from behind grocery-store windows, hid behind tree boxes, and fired lemons at her windows.—[N. Y. Sun, 14th.

Some of Tweed's Property.—The tax collector of Long Island City is preparing a list of property to be sold for non-payment of taxes. On it is a large amount of property in blocks of two or three lots each on some of the principal avenues of the city, which is still standing in the name of William M. Tweed. The taxes accruing upon this property, mid to be still worth nearly \$20,000, amount to \$3,800.

ECONOMY THAT MUST COST MANY LIVES. The four-year-old child of an iumate of the Snake Hill almshouse swallowed a small vial of morphine on Sunday, and died before medical attendance could be procured. Owing to the parsimony of the Freeholders no resident physician is allowed to the Snake Hill institutions that contain 1,000 inmales.—[N. Y. Sup.

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